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Development of optical elements that enable tailored modification of the refractive index during exposure to high power laser pulses provides opportunity to control laser coherence and focal spot characteristics. Our approach is based on activation of induced and/or spontaneously generated defect centers in large bandgap materials.

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